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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a patent application entitled BIB DEVICE FOR PROTECTING AGAINST AND CHANNELING FLUID SPILLS comprising:

- A continuing application as indicated below:
- Continuation of prior application no. 09/778,161, filed February 2, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.
- This continuation constitutes the enclosed true and complete copy of said prior application, together with any instructions or amendments provided herein or herewith.
- Divisional of prior application no. _____, filed ***[date]***, which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.
- This divisional constitutes the enclosed true and complete copy of said prior application, together with any instructions or amendments provided herein or herewith.
- Continuation-in-part of prior application no. _____, filed ***[date]*** which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.

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- A patent application claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. **/***,***, filed ***[date]***, which is hereby incorporated by reference in the enclosed application in its entirety.
- Thirteen (13) pages of specification, claims and abstract.
- One (1) sheet of informal drawings.
- Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.
 - Newly Executed
 - Copy from prior application (when a continuation or divisional) (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
 - Associate or Substitute Power of Attorney
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Also enclosed are:

- An Assignment from _____ to _____ (including assignment cover sheet)
- An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 accompanied by a Form PTO-1449.
- A Preliminary Amendment, and the fee calculation set forth below is based upon the claims as constituted by said amendment.
- A return receipt postcard under MPEP § 503, indicating specially itemized enclosures.
- A Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) to Establish Right of Assignee to Take Action.
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- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status for ***[independent inventor, etc.]***, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A paper entitled "Establishment of Small Entity Status" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), along with a copy of the declaration claiming small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 filed in the prior application.
- Certified copy of priority document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
- A Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- A copy of the extension of time simultaneously filed in the prior application.

Instructions and Averments:

- Incorporation by Reference (if a copy of the declaration from prior application is included). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied herewith as referenced above, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), please amend the specification as follows:

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- No Fees are enclosed.
- Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____.00 which represents the filing fee for this application.

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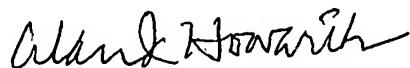
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